

### REMARKS

There are now pending in this application Claim 1-3 and 5-15, of which Claims 1, 13, 14 and 15 are independent. Claim 4 has been cancelled without prejudice or waiver of its subject matter. Claims 14 and 15 are newly added.

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of the above application is respectfully sought.

Applicant's present herewith a new and more descriptive title. Favorable consideration thereon is respectfully sought.

Applicant's acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that Claims 4 and 9 recite patentable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As the Examiner will appreciate, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 4 and Claim 13 has been amended similarly to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 4. As such, it is respectfully submitted that each of independent Claims 1 and 13 is now in condition for allowance.

New independent Claim 14 incorporates all of the features of Claim 9 as incorporated into Claim 1 and new Claim 15 recites all the features of Claim 9 as incorporated into Claim 13. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that each of new Claims 14 and 15 is likewise in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims in the above application are dependent claims which depend from Claim 1 and are therefore patentable over the art of record for reasons noted above with respect to Claim 1. In addition, each recite features of the invention still further

distinguishing it from the applied art. Favorable and independent consideration thereof is respectfully sought.

Applicant's respectfully submit that all outstanding matters in this application have been addressed and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the above application are respectfully sought.

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Respectfully submitted,

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